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ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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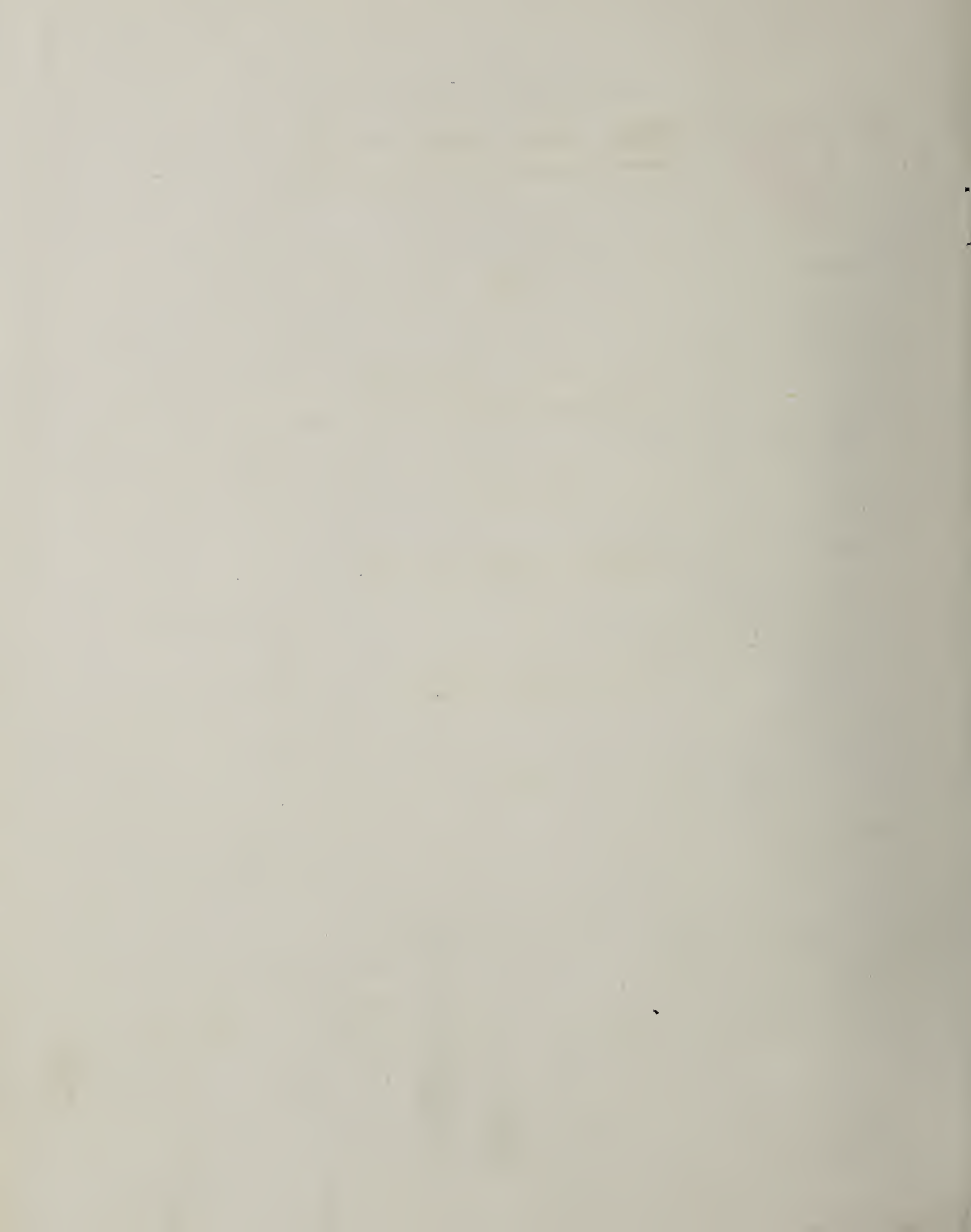
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TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.NAMES OF PARISHESCOUNCILLORS

BAYTON

E. Evans.

BOCKLETON

Miss M.H.Prescott.

EASTHAM

H. J. Spilsbury.

HANLEY

P. Kerby.

KNIGHTON-ON-TEME

J. Batley, J.E.Cooper.

KYRE

H. Brookes

LINDRIDGE

J. C. Walker

I. C. Riley.

MAMBLE

B. Davies.

PENSAX

J. T. Young.

ROCHFORD

W. G. Maund (Chairman)

STANFORD WITH ORLETON

W. Morris.

STOCKTON

Capt. A. Astley-Jones.

STOKE BLISS

J. H. Dorrell

TENBURY.

H. Bentham.

H. Jones

G.E.T.H.Maund

V. Moore (Senr).

Dr. J.E.B.Williams.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

R.W.Markham,B.A.,M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

SURVEYOR, SANITARY INSPECTOR,  
WATERWORKS ENGINEER.

J. E. Parkinson, M.R. SanI.

ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

R. B. Weeks,

(from 1st May 1957.).



TENBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Report for the year 1957.

SECTION A.

Area in Acres	31,250
Registrar General's estimate of resident population mid 1957	5,360
Number of inhabited houses at end of 1957	1,840
Rateable Value	£35,649
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£151: 16: 8.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The district comprises fourteen parishes and except for the small market town of Tenbury it is entirely rural in character. Agriculture, including fruit and hop growing, is the chief industry and provides work for the majority of the adult population.

During the Autumn months the population is increased by fruit and hop pickers, mostly women and children, brought into the district and accommodated in special quarters on the farms. This influx now tends to diminish each year as more growers install hop-picking machinery.

There is a large number of small holdings in the Area and the amount of unemployment varies very little.





VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>MALES</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1956.</u>
Legitimate	36	42	78	77
Illegitimate	3	1	4	4
<u>TOTAL</u>	39	43	82	81
Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.			15.3	15.2
Birth Rate for England and Wales			16.1	15.6
<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>				
Legitimate	0	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 (live & still births)			12.2	15.6
Still birth rate for England & Wales			22.5	22.9
<u>DEATHS</u>	27	34	61	52
Crude death rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population			11.4	9.8
Death rate for England & Wales			11.5	11.7
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>				
Puerperal Sepsis			0	0
Other puerperal causes			0	0
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>				
Under one year of Age			3	2
" 4 weeks			3	1
<u>DEATH RATE OF INFANTS</u>				
Under one year of age :-				
All infants per 1,000 live births			36.6	24.0
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales			23.1	23.7
			<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1957</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>1956</u>
Deaths from Cancer (All ages)			12	10
" " Measles " "			0	0
" " Whooping Cough " "			0	0
" " Diarrhoea " "			0	1



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<u>REF. NO.</u>	<u>CAUSES OF DEATH</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	1	1
14.	Other Malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	4
16.	Diabetes	0	3
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	4
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	4	1
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1
20.	Other heart disease	1	8
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	0	3
22.	Influenza	0	1
23.	Pneumonia	0	2
24.	Bronchitis	0	2
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	0	1
31.	Congenital Malformation	1	0
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	3	1
34.	All other accidents	1	1
35.	Suicide	1	1
		<u>27</u>	<u>34</u>

SECTION B.GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

In carrying out my duties as Medical Officer of Health for the Area, I have the assistance and co-operation of Mr. J. E. Parkinson who has been Sanitary Inspector, Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer of the Area since 1932. The Council congratulated him on completing 25 years in their service.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The Ambulance Service is the responsibility of the Worcester County Council "Local Health Authority." The ambulance is stationed at Tenbury.



#### LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The County Council laboratory at Worcester undertakes the examination of producer samples of food, milk and water. The remaining bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

#### HOSPITALS.

The Tenbury Hospital is quite close to the town, and though being in the parish of Burford, Shropshire, it receives cases chiefly from the town and district of Tenbury. It is very well equipped.

For infectious diseases the Worcester Isolation Hospital is chiefly used and Hayley Green Isolation Hospital is also available.

The Blakebrook Hospital at Kidderminster is also available and for maternity cases accommodation is provided in three maternity hospitals.

All hospitals are the responsibility of the Midland Regional Hospital Board.

#### TUBERCULOSIS.

Dispensary and Sanatorium treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. The nearest hospital dispensaries are Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester. There are sanatoria at Knightwick and St. Wulstans, Malvern.

The Local Health Authority is responsible for prevention and after-care and the administration is undertaken by the After-care sub-Committee of the Divisional Area Health Committee.



VENEREAL DISEASE.

Treatment and supervision is arranged at the nearest hospital centre, i.e. Kidderminster General Hospital and Worcester Royal Infirmary.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

There are four District Nurses in the area who also act as midwives and carry out the duties of Health Visitors. Their work is so apportioned as to cover the entire area.

The administration of these services is the responsibility of the Local Health Authority.

SECTION C.SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.WATER.

Samples of the supply to the town of Tenbury have been taken regularly and have proved satisfactory on Analysis. The quantity is variable and at times requires to be augmented from The Elan Aqueduct.

Following a visit by the Clerk and myself to Whitehall, the Ministry of Housing and Local Government indicated their willingness to review the grant on the Rural Water Scheme at tender stage. Accordingly the Consulting Engineer was instructed to prepare tender documents.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE. Exploratory work on the Sewage Scheme for the Town of Tenbury was continued and negotiations were started for the acquisition of sites for the works and pumping station.

RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The only serious pollution known to be occurring is that of the River Teme and Kyre Brook at Tenbury which receive untreated sewage from the town.







SCHOOLS.

Works to improve sanitary conditions at Bayton School were started in May.

There are proposals to improve sanitary conditions at other schools in the District.

When the proposed water scheme for Highwood is completed, it is to be hoped that the sanitary improvements will be carried out at Eastham School.

SECTION D.HOUSING.

Twenty seven Council houses were completed during the year.

SECTION E.INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Milk Supply.
2. Meat and other Foods.

(See report of Sanitary Inspector).

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred during the year.

SECTION F.PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES.Notifications.

During the year I received Notifications of the following cases :-

	<u>CASES</u>	<u>ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL</u>	<u>DEATHS.</u>
Scarlet Fever	3	NIL	NIL
Whooping Cough	95	NIL	NIL
Measles	68	NIL	NIL
Erysipelas	1	NIL	NIL



IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

The importance of immunisation against diphtheria in infancy and the need for a reinforcing dose on reaching school age has been, and continues to be explained to parents. Immunisation is carried out at each session in the Welfare Centre and during my visits to Schools.

Number of children under 1 who received Primary Courses -	34
" " " 1 to 14 " " " -	32
" " " who received reinforcing doses -	50

TUBERCULOSIS.

Five cases were notified during the year.

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1957.

<u>Age Period</u>	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths.</u>	
	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>	<u>Pul.</u>	<u>Non-Pul.</u>
0.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
1.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
5.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
10.	0 .....	1	0 .....	0.
15.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
25.	1 .....	0	0 .....	0.
35.	1 .....	0	0 .....	0.
45.	2 .....	0	0 .....	0.
55.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
65.	0 .....	0	0 .....	0.
	4 .....	1	0 .....	0.

No action was necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

There were in the register at the end of the year the following cases of Tuberculosis :-



Pulmonary

<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
4	8

Non-Pulmonary

<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
4	0.

B.C.G. Inoculation.

The purpose of the skin-testing and subsequent B.C.G.

inoculation of those shewing a negative reaction amongst those of the age group of 13 + years was fully explained to the Council and co-operation was requested in encouraging parents to take advantage of the scheme.

Smoking and Lung Cancer.

A detailed report on the present information available with regard to the connection between heavy smoking and lung cancer was presented to the Council, a copy being available for each member. The Press gave publicity to the report.

CONCLUSION

It is encouraging to see that the Rural Water Supply Scheme and the Sewage Disposal Scheme for Tenbury are now reaching definite form.

I wish to thank the Chairman, members of the Council and the Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. W. MARKHAM.

Medical Officer of Health.





REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
SURVEYOR AND WATERWORKS ENGINEER

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To: The Chairman and Members of Tenbury Rural District Council.

Lady and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ended 31st December, 1957.

Water Supplies (Generally).

Apart from the town of Tenbury there is still no public or properly organised system of piped water supply and the greater part of the population of Tenbury Rural District is dependent upon private wells, small springs and a number of small private piped supplies.

As to well-water supplies in the district, it may be said that the majority are to a greater or lesser degree contaminated and of the most of the remainder I would not be sure that good samples could be obtained at all times.

New wells and boring for water in worthwhile quality and quantity in this district is also very speculative.

Regrouping of Water Undertakings.      Proposals for forming a Water Board in North West Worcestershire were continued.

TENBURY WATER SUPPLY.

The town of Tenbury is supplied from the Council's mains.

The Consulting Engineer presented his further report on improvements to the Tenbury Water Undertaking which included the provision of a water tower at Old Wood. Fixed price tenders were later received for the erection of the Water Tower. A scraping operation was carried out on the carrier main from the intake chamber to the Reservoir and on several sections in the Town. As a result the flow in the carrier main was increased from approx. 62000 g.p.d. to 100,000 g.p.d.

A sectioning operation was carried out on the river in the first half of 1907 to the lower end and on several sections in the Town. As a result the flow in the current was increased from 100,000 cfs. to 100,000 cfs.

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Owing to heavy storms in the Autumn, surface water caused a contamination of the supply and as a precautionary measure the maximum supply was taken from the Elan Aqueduct and chlorination was carried out until cleared.

WATER SUPPLIES - COUNCIL HOUSES.

Minor breakdowns of pumping machinery have been dealt with promptly by the Midlands Electricity Board.

EASTHAM SCHOOL AND HIGHWOOD.

Detailed plans of the Water Scheme for this area were submitted for Ministerial approval.

WATER SAMPLES.

80 samples of water were taken for examination during the year, and in cases where defective qualities were found appropriate action was taken.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

A further slight reduction in the number of pail-closets in the Town as a result of the Council rehousing persons who were residing in unfit properties and to a small number of conversions to W.C's by private landlords.

HOUSE REFUSE COLLECTION.

Collections of house refuse are made weekly in the town of Tenbury and once every three weeks in the more rural parishes. Disposal is by tipping into an old worked out gravel quarry at Kyrewood about one mile out of the town. The Council accepted tipping facilities near Marnham to serve the northern parishes of the District. A new refuse vehicle of 12 cub. yard capacity was delivered and brought into use.





RODENT CONTROL.

The Council continued to use the services of a part-time rodent operator.

HOUSING.

During the year 27 new Council houses were completed.

No Council houses were in course of erection at the end of the year.

Houses Erected During the Year.

By Local Authority .....	27
By County Council .....	NIL
By Other Bodies or Persons .....	4

Inspection of Dwelling Houses

- (1)(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health Act or Housing Acts) ... ..
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purposes ... ..
- (2)(a) Number of dwelling houses (included under One above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932 ... ..
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..
- (3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation...
- (4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..

2. Remedy of defects without service of formal notices.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... .. 17.

3. Action under Statutory Powers.

A. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 (as amended).

- (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. NIL
- (2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices
  - by owners ... .. NIL





A.(2) by local authority in default of owners.... ... NIL.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ... NIL

(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices

by owners ... ... NIL

by local authority in default of owners ... NIL

C. Proceedings under Section II and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 (as amended)

(1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ... NIL

(2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ... NIL

(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which undertakings accepted ... ... TWO

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 (as amended).

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ... NIL

Closing Orders under L.G.(Miscellaneous Provisions)Act, 1953. NIL

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... ... NIL

4. Housing Act, 1936 (Part IV)(as amended) - Overcrowding.

(a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of this year }  
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein ... ... } Not  
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein ... ... } known.

(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during year NIL

(c) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year NIL

(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases... ... NIL

(iii) Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved ... ... NIL

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

No. of Applications received during the year ... ... 9

No. of Applications approved ... ... 8

Application not pursued but work carried out ... ... 1

Abandoned ... ... NIL

Certificates of Completion issued during the year .. ... 7



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1947.

During the year 50 Applications were dealt with.

Applications approved ... .. 43

Applications refused ... .. 7

Twentyone applications were in respect of proposed new housing, seven in respect of proposed alterations and improvements to houses and fourteen related to various proposals other than housing.

One application was not proceeded with.

BUILDING BYELAWS.

Applications submitted and dealt with ... .. 21

Applications approved - Housing matters ... .. 15

" refused - " " ... .. NIL

" approved - Other than housing ... .. 6

SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Ice-Cream.

There are no manufacturers of Ice-Cream in the district. Pre-packed ice-cream only is sold from the premises registered. Premises and facilities remain satisfactory.

One application for Registration was received and approved during the year.

Food Premises.

Visits and inspections of registered and other food premises have been carried out during the year. A good standard of hygiene has been maintained in most premises.



Slaughterhouses.

The large modern slaughterhouse erected by a local butcher was completed and brought into use.

An Additional Public Health Inspector was appointed to assist with the extra work involved.

The scheme covering exchequer grants towards the cost of meat inspection should benefit the Council.

MILK AND DAIRIES.

Visits were made to retailers premises and general supervision maintained.

HOP-PICKERS ACCOMMODATION.

Owing to hop-picking machines being more widely used, fewer hop-pickers were imported into the District.

The condition of pickers quarters generally was fairly good.

The usual nursing facilities were provided to the hop farms in the District under arrangements made by the County Council.

OTHER SANITARY MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Appropriate action was taken in matters relating to obstructed drains, defective lavatories and sinks, defective water services etc.

Advice was given in connection with private water supplies and hop-pickers accommodation.

Number of letters sent during the year was 478.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Chairman, Members of the Council, and Staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. PARKINSON

Surveyor, Sanitary Inspector and  
Waterworks Engineer.



